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The Honorable Vice Admiral Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS  
United States Surgeon General  
United States Department of Health and Human Services  
Chairman, Task Force on Drug Importation  
Division of Dockets Management  
Docket #2004N-0115  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 10-61  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Surgeon General Carmona:

Please accept the enclosed submission of the interim findings of the review being conducted by Giuliani Partners, LLC, on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), regarding prescription drug importation to the United States from foreign sources. It is our intention to submit a more detailed and comprehensive report of these findings to the Task Force on Drug Importation in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Rudolph W. Giuliani

Enclosure

Hon. Richard H. Carmona

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security  
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